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168. The total number of documents registered during the year in all the Registration Offices including Yelandur was 2,69,823 (2,29,118). The number of documents relating to immoveable property was 2,64,960 (2,24,402) of which 2,36,625 were compulsorily registerable and 28,335 were optionally registerable. The percentage of increase for the whole State was about 15 per cent over the last year's registrations. This increase is stated to be due to favourable seasonal conditions, increase in transactions among the ryots and greater activities in trade and commerce.

169. The aggregate value of all kinds of documents registered during the year amounted to Rs. 20,84,40,041 (Rs. 16,78,83,352) showing an increase of Rs. 4,05,56,687.

170. Excluding the Yelandur Sub-Registry Office, the revenue of the department during the year was Rs. 11,45,311 (Rs. 9,92,389). The receipt of Yelandur Sub-Registry Office amounted to Rs. 7,068.

171. The total registration fee foregone by several concessions granted by Government to co-operative institutions, from payment of registration fee either in full or in part amounted to Rs. 2,12,407.

Mutation fee.

172. The amount of mutation fees collected during the year was Rs. 3,26,840.

General.

173. After the integration of Bellary District from 1st October 1953, two rates of registration fee existed. With a view to bring about a uniform rate of registration fees throughout Mysore including Bellary under Section 78 of the Indian Registration Act, the rates of registration fees were revised from 1st April 1954.

174. With the enhancement of rates of stamp duty and registration fee, there is increase in the revenue and it is expected that the revenue will be doubled.

(viii) Beggar Relief Work.

175. The Act for the Prohibition of Beggary, 1944 (Act No. XXXIII of 1944) was continued to be in force in the Corporation limits of the City of Bangalore and the Municipal limits of the City of Mysore during the year.

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176. Four thousand three hundred and thirty-nine beggars were arrested during the year in the Corporation area of the City of Bangalore by the staff of the Beggar Colony. Of these, 3,269 beggars being the first offenders were released by the Receiving Officer after holding detailed enquiry and after obtaining self-bonds or surety bonds as the case may be, on their promise not to beg again. Eight beggars escaped from the Centre as against 10 in the previous year. One thousand and seventy-four beggars were produced before the Second City Magistrate, Bangalore, who after summary enquiry, released 792 as against 348 in the previous year. Three non-Mysoreans were repatriated upto the State border as against 31 in the previous year. Two hundred and seventy-nine persons were ordered to be detained and transferred to the Relief Centre and the number of beggars so detained during the previous year was 343.

177. At the commencement of the year, there were 122 beggars in the Relief Centre, 279 persons were transferred from the Receiving Centre, 74 from the Mysore Centre and 51 beggars returned from parole. Thus the total number of beggars permanently detained and given food and clothing were 526 (564). Of these, 94 beggars were discharged by the Magistrate on the surety of their relatives and the number so discharged during the previous year was 146. Two hundred and nineteen beggars who showed signs of improvement and gave assurance that they would abstain from begging and live by honest means were released on parole by the Superintendent and many of them were not to be found in the City.

178. Two hundred and two beggars were imparted training in Tailoring, Hospital Attendant's work, Cooking, Domestic Service, Agriculture and Gardening.

179. Eight beggars died and 51 persons escaped from the Colony. At the close of the year, there were 145 beggars on the roll.

180. Tailoring was the only Cottage Industry run at the Colony. In the Primary School attached to the Colony, in the first four classes Kannada was taught and 18 beggar boys and one girl were attending the School during the year.

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181. Recreation facilities to the inmates, namely, radio, bhajana, football and other games were also provided.

182. The total non-recurring and recurring expenditure amounted to Rs. 45,836-8-4 and Rs. 67,948-5-1 respectively.

183. A Sub-Committee was appointed to examine the possibilities of extending the Act for the prohibition of beggary to District Headquarter Towns and also to suggest measures for making the Beggar Relief Scheme more effective.

Mysore Relief
Committee.

184. The activities of the Local Relief Committee was started from May 1949. The Committee was reconstituted for a further period of three years from 1st July 1953.

185. With the help of the Police Department, the scouting of beggars was undertaken.

186. Out of 1,010 beggars, 894 were released by the officer-in-charge, 4 by the Magistrate, 74 transferred to the relief centre, one escaped and 3 sent to hospital leaving a closing balance of 34 beggars at the Beggar home.

(ix) Village Panchayets and Rural Development.

187. The total number of Village Panchayets in the State during the year was 12,756 (12,603). The increase is due to the merger of seven taluks of the Bellary District in the State. The number of meetings held by the Village Panchayets was 29,084 (83,388).

188. Proposals for the construction of Group Panchayets were notified during 1952-53. The objections received in response to the notification were considered by Government and the constitution of Group Panchayets decided during the year.

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Collection and
Balance of
V. P. taxes.

189. Including the arrears, the total demand of the Village Panchayet taxes amounted to Rs. 52,74,967 (42,28,078) of which a sum of Rs. 26,95,600 (15,41,289) was collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 25,79,367 (26,86,789).

Financial
position of
the Village
Panchayets.

190. A sum of Rs. 42,81,349 (50,75,791) was at the credit of the Village Panchayets at the beginning of the year. This with the income for the year of Rs. 39,01,778 (14,86,450) amounted to a total of Rs. 81,83,127 (65,62,241)